



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending August 15, 2021

RAINS AND COOLER TEMPERATURES NEEDED ACROSS MOST OF THE STATE

Rain in West Tennessee would be welcomed as temperatures there continued to be above normal and brought dry conditions. The lack of rainfall combined with high temperatures increased crop and pasture stress levels. Irrigation units across the region were being used. Moisture and cooler temperatures were forecasted, and producers are hopeful that this would occur in the coming week. Producers sprayed for armyworms and other pests. Hit and miss thunderstorms in Middle Tennessee resulted in some improved corn and soybean crops and left other fields still in need of rain. More rain is needed in East Tennessee as well, as temperatures remained mostly in the 90's. Producers were finding it a challenge to get hay up and baled. Some precipitation did occur in parts of East Tennessee, saving some wheat beans. Lack of rain in other areas caused crop stress. Some cattle were sold under expectations of short hay supplies. Rains were needed for fall hay cuttings to be of good quality. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 27 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2020	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Silking	100	97	100	100	Pasture	4	13	32	46	5
Corn-Dough	89	79	84	91	Cotton	4	10	21	55	10
Corn - Dented	58	43	38	56	Corn	0	4	17	57	22
Cotton – Squaring	95	93	97	99	Soybeans	2	4	21	57	16
Cotton – Setting Bolls	75	65	87	91	Tobacco	5	8	27	50	10
Cotton – Bolls Opening	3	N/A	N/A	5						
Soybeans – Blooming	91	84	91	92						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	74	62	71	77						
Tobacco -Topped	82	76	81	80						